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MISSISSIPPI'S GOVERNOR AGAIN ASKED IF LYNCHERS ARE TO BE PROSECUTED.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, through its Secretary, John R. Shillady, of New York, makes public a telegram sent to Governor Theodore G. Bilbo of Mississippi, asking information concerning what is being done to apprehend the lynchers of Will Moore, a Negro, alleged bootlegger, near Ten Mile, Miss. On May 20 the Negro who, while being arrested, had shot the manager of a lumber camp, was taken from a train by a mob, hanged to a tree and his body riddled with bullets. In its telegram the Association calls the Governor's attention to the fact that Mississippi has had five lynchings in less than three months, the worst record the state has had in the same average length of time since 1899; and also points out the fact that Mississippi's failure to enforce her own laws justifies migration of Negroes to regions where they will be protected and makes inevitable federal intervention to prevent lynching. The Association's telegram follows:

May 24, 1919.

Hon. Theodore G. Bilbo, Governor, Jackson, Miss.

Speaking for 210 branches and 54,000 members in 39 states, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People respectfully asks what Mississippi authorities are doing to apprehend the lynchers of Will Moore, a Negro, alleged bootlegger, who while being arrested, shot the manager of a lumber camp was lynched on May 20.

Ten days ago Lloyd Clay was burned to death in Vicksburg. Five days before that a Negro soldier and a Negro woman were alleged to have been lynched near Pickens, Miss. Two months before that another Negro was lynched. So far as we have been able nothing has been done by Mississippi authorities in any of these cases. Five lynchings in less than three months in Mississippi is the worst record your state has had in the same average length of time since 1899. Mississippi's failure to enforce her own laws justifies migration of Negroes to regions where they will be protected and makes inevitable federal intervention to prevent lynching.

JOHN R. SHILLADY, Sec'y.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The National Association of Colored Women at a recent Conference held in the Abyssinian Baptist church, New York City, in response to a call issued by the Association's President, Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, of Buffalo, New York, adopted a program to be worked out through a Bureau of Publicity. This program was submitted by Mrs. Talbert as a report of the Committee on Findings consisting of Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. A. W. Dickerson, Philadelphia; Miss Mary E. Jackson, New York; Mrs. Minnie Scott; Mrs. Lizzie B. Fouse, Louisville; Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Grace Booth, Valentine, Borden, N. J.; Miss Eva D. Bowles, New York. The report, which follows, is issued in the spirit of making democracy real:

Lynching.
The National Association of Colored Women will co-operate with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People through the Department for the Suppression of Lynching and Mob Violence, Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Chairman, in its campaign to abolish lynching.
We recommend that individual clubs contribute to the local Branches of the N. A. A. C. P. funds for the carrying on of this work and that duplicate of the receipt given by the Local Branch for contributions be forwarded to Miss Burroughs. Where there are no local branches, money should be sent to Miss Burroughs, who will forward same to the N. A. A. C. P., headquarters.

Suffrage.
The National Association of Colored favors universal suffrage. We recommend that the Association launch a National Campaign of Education and that clubs co-operate heartily with every agency for the adoption of the Susan B. Anthony Amendment. Literature and speakers will be supplied by our Bureau of Publicity.

We must set ourselves to work seriously at the task of helping to make women wage earners one hun-

dred per cent. efficient. To this end, we recommend that a study be made of problems affecting domestic workers; that we help to promote efficiency through agencies making for higher standards of service; that we seek cooperation of employers in providing safe and comfortable living conditions.

The United States Department of Labor is planning to make a survey of Colored women in industries. The survey is so important that we recommend that club Presidents join us in urging the Department to increase the force of field workers.

Since the doors of industry have been opened to Colored women, we must strive to keep them open. To this end we urge:

First—Our women to take such preliminary training as will qualify them for work in stores, shops and factories.

Second—That we help the women to realize that efficiency will change the attitude of employers and associate workers toward them and will eventually result in lifting of the industrial boycott.

Third—That education of the general public be promoted through publicity.

Community Service.

Since adequate social programs are being promoted by various agencies, we urge club women to make their contributions for social betterment through trained leadership, that the Association search diligently for twelve young women of consecration, promises and education to qualify for some specific line of Social Service.

Rural Communities.

That we make a study of conditions of the Colored women in rural communities and devise practical means to improve them. That at present we enlist the interest of the rural teachers and through them distribute literature and hold conference of rural women.

Jim Crow Cars.

Since the Jim Crow Car Law is class legislation that we have induced into Congress a bill abolishing the Jim Crow Car and appoint a special committee to follow up this proposed legislation and to see that every member of Congress is petitioned to cast his vote in favor of its passage. In the interim that we petition the United States Railroad Administration or the Interstate Commerce Commission for the abolitions of Jim Crow Cars.

Race Relationship.

Because the full strength of the womanhood of America is needed and must be conserved and utilized in this Reconstruction period, it is the duty of the women of both races to accept the challenge and face squarely the opportunity and together work out their moral, economic and social destiny.

We recommend that a Conference of our affiliated group and other women representing national interests be arranged at an early date to the end that we shall see together our responsibility and decide upon plans of cooperation.

Publicity.

In order to get the message and the material to the people, we recommend that a Bureau of Publicity be formed to include the following department and agencies:

First—Notes (Our National Organ).
Second—A Speakers' Bureau.
Third—Motion Pictures.
Fourth—Pamphlets.

Fifth—Newspapers and Magazines.
Sixth—Pageantry and Drama.

That a Director be appointed to supervise the work of this Bureau. That the membership of the Publicity Bureau be made up of leaders representing the various activities among women. These persons will furnish to the Director General of the Publicity Bureau information and data that will aid in the effective prosecution of the work.

Finance.

That to finance the carrying out of the Reconstruction Program of the National Association of Colored Women, a fund of \$100,000 be raised and that this amount be apportioned among the States. That a Campaign Committee consisting of fifty women be appointed to conduct the drive.

Misses Anita Moore and Marjorie Collins of Taylor, Texas enroute from Bishop College, stopped over several days with Miss M. M. Smith of Thomas avenue, who entertained for them with a party, at which the elite of the younger set spent an enjoyable evening.

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF THE COLORED HIGH SCHOOL HEAR COMMENCEMENT SERMON AT BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH, SUNDAY, JUNE FIRST.

The Open Door Made a Basis for the Sermon by Dr. H. A. Carr, Pastor of Bethel. The Class Consisted of Twenty-Five.

By N. W. Harlee.

The graduating class of the Colored High School hear commencement sermon at the Bethel A. M. E. church on Sunday, June 1st, after four years seeking Caesar, Cicero, Virgil, and the exact sciences and Qualitative Analysis, and the distant of the stars and the sun from the earth, and the cause of the Milky Way and its cause, shooting stars are displayed more on the 13th of August each year than on any other months. They been accustomed of carrying books scrolls with them and compasses and measurements with to the Colored H. on Sunday morning it was strange that they carried to the House of God but their empty hands, wearied minds, seeking for years for the hidden treasure which wise man has found in full, but had just learned at learned at his death only removed a few pebbles from the mountains through which he was endeavoring to pass. Now the class of twenty-five came not to hear about Caesar, nor Kepler, nor Cicero, but to hear the wonderful story of the Cross, to prepare themselves for that school where charts and compasses were of little value, but where the pure in heart, and the peace makers, and to have unfolded to them the value of the soul, and instead of the book containing the story of the stolen Helen they are to be advised in the Book of Books. They took their seats in front that they might hear every word, thus changed places with their parents for the first time who had always occupied the front seats in God's house, and now what did all this mean?

In the first place it meant that they must take of the divine favor, the only place of honor, for which they had been prepared by their teachers. It meant that they needed further advice and to be lead to that Rock that is Higher than I, to be lead up to Christ.

The Rev. H. A. Carr had been selected to have a heart to heart talk with them, and he did. He opened to the place in Revelation at the third chapter and the eight verse where it was written, I know thy work: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou has a little strength, and has kept my word, and hast not denied Me. The Rev. Carr made the Open Door the basis for his timely sermon, and moral advice to the young graduates who needed to learn of an open, one that required the pure in heart to enter. You may have perfect health, a cultivated mind, and high standing, but you must be able to enter the open door, that no man shut, such a door is now opened before you as you are about to enter the cold and selfish world where you are to be an honor to your mother who has suffered for you, denied herself for you, she has borne the heat and burden for you, she has been praying for this day for you, and she is still praying that success shall be ours, she is still praying that success shall be yours, she is still praying that you may not mar our character, may not defile ourself in any manner but that you may always enter the straight and narrow path that leads to that open door which man can not shut. My young friends, said the preacher, be an honor to your parents, be an honor to your teachers, be an honor to your city and state and always stand in the light of the open door. Be a light, be a man, be a woman, quit ye like men, be a star of the first magnitude, shine on through life, shine on till that perfect day. Much responsible rests upon you, and you are to be all that is expected of you. Stand in the open Door at all times, stand on character, stand there young ladies in the purity and sweetness of virtue. Now my last word to you take the God of your mother's Salvation and make your way through life. Many amens were heard in all parts of old Bethel that brought tears to the young graduates' eyes as an omen that the open Door would be their goal in all their ways.



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Dr. P. M. Sunday, 12; W. E. Ewing, 8; R. Coleman, professional, 13; W. J. Shannon, 12; C. Coleman, 8; John Henry, 12; H. Jackson, 9; J. R. Jordan, 7; F. K. Richie, 12; W. L. Coleman, 6; Dr. S. L. Chandler, 8.

Some fancy shooting is predicted at the regular shoot Tuesday, June 10th.

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